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SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk. We're back...back to committee amendments. Back to discussion of the committee amendments to LB 541. Open for discussion. Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska waives. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, maybe I ought to start this morning on my long, arduous journey through this budgeting process. I have been opposed to other giveaway programs: LB 225, that so-called venture capital bill; LB 620, the Union Pacific giveaway; that ethanol monstrosity we had yesterday, I think it was LB 536; but the worst of all, to me, is the money thrown at these school systems when they do not achieve the purposes they are required to achieve. If I can...I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if I should be successful in trimming amounts of money from any part of the budget, could that money go into the Cash Reserve Fund? Could we do that if it's money that is to be appropriated in the budget bill?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Ultimately, it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we would have to take specific action to do that with whatever money is trimmed away. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, actually, if it was to...if it was to stand and it was not spent, it would go into the Cash Reserve two years? We...it would automatically transfer, and I'm trying to think, is it thirtieth of '02 or '03?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you asking me? I don't know.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh.